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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than the U.S. Patent documents, are also enclosed.

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## <u>REMARKS</u>

The following documents were cited in European Official Actions of a foreign counterpart application corresponding to the subject application:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,581,404;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,790,316; and
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,278,605.

The European Official Actions are dated May 21, 2004, and December 13, 2004. Copies of the European Official Actions are also enclosed.

## FORMAL MATTERS

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### **CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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